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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STATEMENT IN BERLIN ON NICO HUEBNER CASE

REFS: (A) BONN 7981
(B) USBER 984
(C) USBER 904

1. IN REFTTEL A WE NEGLECTED TO MENTION THAT THE POINT
RAISED BY USBER IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF B, I.E. THAT THE
PHRASE REGARDING DEMILITARIZATION LEGISLATION MIGHT BE
MISLEADING, WAS RAISED BY US IN EARLIER BONN GROUP
DISCUSSIONS IN RESPONSE TO USBER'S EARLIER COMMENT
(REF C). THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT WHILE USBER IS
TECHNICALLY CORRECT, THE PUBLIC STATEMENT IS NOT
A DOCUMENT WITH LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND ITS INCLUSION IN
THE PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE. WE
DID NOT RAISE THE QUESTION AGAIN AT THE APRIL 27 BONN
GROUP MEETING BECAUSE THE ISSUE BEING DISCUSSED WAS
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NOT THE CONTENT OF THE PROTEST, OR THE PRESS STATEMENT,
BUT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A PROTEST. IN VIEW OF
HIBBERT'S WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ABOUT THE USE OF THE WORD
"STATUS", THERE WAS NO PURPOSE IN MAKING THE PROPOSAL
SUGGESTED BY USBER.

2. FOR THE SAME REASON, WE DID NOT RAISE USBER'S

SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF B THAT THE BONN GROUP
SHOULD DRAFT THE REPLY TO LORENZ. HOWEVER, IF THE
PROTEST AND PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD HAPPEN TO SURVIVE
AND ARE FINALLY ACCEPTED, WE AGREE WITH USBER'S SUGGES-
TION AND WILL PROPOSE THIS TO THE BONN GROUP.
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